GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
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MANUFACTURING OF INDIGENOUS SCORPENE SUBMARINES
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the manufacturing of indigenous scorpene submarines has inordinarily been delayed;

(b) if so, whether even steel cutting for the scorpene project is not taking place;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether the infrastructure at Mazgaon Docks Limited has been upgraded;

(e) if not, the reasons therefore; and

(f) the steps taken by the Union Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR DEFENCE PRODUCTION (RAO INDERJEET SINGH)

(a) to (f): The manufacturing of indigienous Scorpene submarines has not been delayed. The production commenced for the first submarine of the Scorpene Project with the first cutting of steel on 14th December, 2006 as scheduled. The infrastructure at Mazagon Dock Limited has been upgraded in many areas and additional facilities are being procured in a phased manner as required.